

MINUTES

CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS LICENSING BOARD

April 26, 2007 – 3:30 P.M.

Room 467- Fourth Floor - Heber Wells Bldg.

160 East 300 South

Salt Lake City, Utah

CONVENED: 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Clyde Ormond, Bureau Manager
Jacky Adams, Board Secretary
Rhonda Trujillo, Acting Board Secretary

Board Members:

Shelley Wadsworth, Rockie Dustin
Rossann Morgan

ABSENT:

Michelle Beatty, Mary Bearson

GUESTS:

Lenore Epstein, Attorney General
Representative.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approve Minutes from the October 27,
2006 Board Meetings

Ms. Morgan seconded by Ms. Wadsworth made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2006 meeting, the motion carried unanimously.

Swear in New Board Members

Mr. Ormond issued the Oath of Office to Ms. Morgan, explained her Board duties, and welcomed her to the Board.

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Licensure Requirements – Notary

At the meeting on October 27, 2006, Ms. Wadsworth, commented that the UCRA (Utah Court Reporters Association) had indicated at their 2006 meeting, that Certified Court Reporters, were no longer required to be licensed as a Notary Public, as a requirement for licensure.

Mr. Ormond explained that the Laws and Rules, which govern this profession, do not require licensure as a Notary Public. Ms. Epstein reviewed 58-74 (Certified Court Reporters Licensing Act), R156-74 (Certified Court Reporters Licensing Act Rules), and 78-56

(Judicial Code Court Reports Act). Ms. Epstein then commented that she did not see a Notary Public requirement for licensure, in any of the three statutes. Mr. Ormond then explained that to require a Notary Public license, as a requirement for licensure as a Certified Court Reporter, would be a statutory change, adding that it would be best to have the support of the industry prior to the change going to the legislature. Ms. Wadsworth stated that most of the profession would not support this type of change, even though she felt that this requirement was vital to the profession. Mr. Dustin agreed adding that not requiring a Certified Court Reporter, to hold Notary Public Licensure, and to be bonded could be a public safety issue. Mr. Ormond requested a letter from UCRA or from Mr. Dustin, stating this and the letter would be posted on DOPL's (Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing's) web site.

Ms. Epstein commented that prior to attempting a statutory change; it would be beneficial to determine who made the original requirement. Mr. Dustin volunteered to further research this issue and report his findings at the November 15, 2007 meeting.

Unprofessional Conduct – 58-74-502

Mr. Ormond reviewed the current wording of 58-74-502. He then commented that a new section could be added to R156-74, which could adopt the NCRA (National Court Reporters Association) code of ethics, and also adding a definition of "recognized standards and ethics" under R156-74-102, would resolve this issue.

Mr. Ormond will make the requested changes to R156-74, and then have them posted on DOPL's web site for review by this profession.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

New Web Site Review

Mr. Ormond conducted a tour of DOPL's new web site.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Deseret Morning News Article –
An Outrageous Position

Reviewed, with no further action taken.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

November 15, 2007

November 15, 2007
DATE APPROVED

Shelley Wadsworth
CHAIRPERSON, CERTIFIED COURT
REPORTER BOARD

November 15, 2007
DATE APPROVED

Clyde Ormond
BUREAU MANAGER, DIVISION OF
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